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1. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claim 1 now states "the rear section of said body including serrations extending outwardly therefrom; and a sleeve member pressed onto said serrations whereby said serrations dig into said sleeve...." Lines 30-32 of page 7 of the specification state, "The rear sleeve member 14 also contains a bore 62 adapted to mate with the tail section 22 of the body member." Lines 10-12 of page 8 state, "It will be appreciated that the rear sleeve member 14 is fixed to the body member 16 while the front sleeve member 12 is fixed to the split nut 38."

Otherwise, the specification makes no mention of the interface between sleeve member 14 and body 16. There is no disclosure in the specification of the body 16 having serrations which dig into the sleeve member. Therefore, this claim as amended is considered to contain new matter.

- 2. Applicant's arguments filed July 2, 2002, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant makes reference to an interview of February 1, 2001, and an amendment of April 9, 2001, in the parent '427 application, but Applicant did not actually include those arguments with the present response. As is clear from the rejection above, the specification does not provide basis for the body having serrations extending outwardly therefrom which dig into the sleeve member.
- 3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

4. Any inquiry concerning the content of this communication from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Howell, whose telephone number is 703-308-1728. The examiner's office hours are typically about 10 am until 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington, may be reached at 703-308-2159.

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